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TO : Chief, D/E

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FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT: CIA Contribution to the OIT Lead Task Group

The Lead Committee of the OIT Task Groups met August 14, 1952 to discuss the tentative outline prepared for the justification of the strategic rating of lead. CIA and the State Department had been given responsibility for Section D of the outline - "Soviet Needs and Availabilities".

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Prior to the organization of the Lead Task Group, the State Department had prepared a report on lead for the use of the US delegate at the COCOM meetings. [REDACTED] M/NF, who is CIA's technical representative on the Task Group contributed intelligence information to the State Department's report. Both the State Department's representative, Miss Hanes, and [REDACTED] agreed that the information needed for Section D was contained in this report. [REDACTED] felt that further work by him on Section D would be a duplication of effort. Although the State Department agreed to make the report available to the Task Group members, they objected to its reproduction in whole or in part. Whether sections could be paraphrased for use was not determined. Miss Hanes stated that she would call the Chairman of the Task Group to clarify the exact use the Committee could make of their report.

Since the complete outline for justification of the strategic rating for lead is to be submitted in written form to the Operating Committee, the work of the Lead group at the present time is hampered by an incomplete report. The Lead Committee members also feel that without a carefully outlined section on Soviet needs and availabilities it has no firm base on which to make its quota recommendations.

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Miss Hanes of ODR has agreed to write Section D and submit it to us.